

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 1903.

BRIEFS AND PERSONALS.

Of Course It Might.

A piece of writing paper, plain
is not ruled paper, mind;
And if it is very well might be,
it is not so inclined.

Mr. Putney was in Richmond in the early week on business.

Mr. D. T. Hancock leads the plant burning forces as we are advised.

Judge Watkins, of the Senate, and Mr. Armstrong, of the House, spent Sunday with their families.

We return thanks to Mr. J. C. King for a can of the purest and most delicious honey we ever tasted.

What's wrong? We have been looking for the arrival of the new telephone system. Where is it at?

The roads were drying out to the delight of tobacco haulers, when the rain of Tuesday night made them soft and deep again.

The farmer who brings in a load of tobacco and takes back home with him \$300 isn't heard to say that farming is a failure.

Rev. Mr. Lancaster, of Perth Amboy, N. J., who has been spending some time at his country home, Rochelle, returned to his charge on last Friday.

With the new plant, our electric lights have been greatly improved. Add to this a general improvement of our side walks and we will be gratified.

Mr. H. E. Steger, who for so many years has been in the employment of Messrs. C. M. Walker & Sons, has purchased from Mr. H. K. Bullock a desirable residence in East Farmville.

We very much hope that the Board of Supervisors will not overlook the fact that the macadam road needs attention. It will be mid-winter madness to allow that road to go to wreck and ruin.

Mr. Berger, the polite and efficient agent of the two railway companies having offices at Burkeville, remarked to us that during the month of January he sold 150 tickets from that point to Farmville.

What are the county mules about this winter weather? The town mule is always on duty, and always doing good and efficient service. County mules might be induced to go and do likewise.

At the close of the morning services at the Presbyterian church on last Sunday, there was a meeting of the congregation, when Judge Hundley and Mr. A. V. Russell were elected elders of the church.

Master Willard Hart has paid his first visit to Richmond, slept at Ruge's, called for soft boiled eggs for breakfast, saw Bostock's animals and reached home on the mid-night train. It will remain a red-letter day in his life.

In the absence of the editor, the "devil" of the Herald office has planned for a good time all of next week. The paper will be out on time, however, and waiting in none of the features that go to make up a model local newspaper.

Miss Mary Walthall, sister of Messrs. Walthall brothers, of this place, died yesterday morning in her home at "Barrel Springs." She had long been a sufferer and confined to the house. The funeral will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence.

It is an interesting sight to watch the new comers hitching new horses, with new harness on, to new wagons to begin new efforts in their new homes recently bought in our community. May peace be in the new homes and prosperity attend the new ventures.

President Jarman attended a meeting of the Executive committee of the Normal, which met in Richmond on Thursday evening last week, at which plans were inaugurated to give new impetus to the good work already being done by this Virginia's only school for girls.

Major Otley, who is an intelligent and observant traveler tell us that on his every return to Farmville he notices more marked evidences of improvement than he finds in any town of like size. This is complimentary worth having, and how much better we could make conditions if we would.

Mr. W. H. Richardson is firmly of the opinion that the farmer could bring Mr. Trust to his knees, if they would. "All they need," he adds, "is a courageous and wise leader."

The Herald takes the liberty of saying that they can find just such an one in Mr. Richardson himself. "On with the dance."

We take pleasure in giving to our readers an interesting and instructive historical sketch of the county of Prince Edward, from the pen of Miss Frankie McKinney. We would be glad to have similar contributions from others of our girls. The preparation of the papers will be helpful to them and interesting to the Herald readers.

Mr. A. D. Watkins, attending the lectures at Union Theological Seminary, had a mild attack of varioloid recently, and out of abundant caution was put in quarantine. There he found others who were also shut out from association with their fellows, and he at once organized a congregation and went to preaching to them. The ruling passion strong even in a pest house. Some preachers are dependent on slippers and soft places, but not all of them.

Tobacco has been crowding our market during the past week, and things have been humming about the warehouses. Prices were maintained, though, as we have before said, all will not agree as to that. Hoarding during the long, hot days of summer and then hauling to town through deep mud makes the "weed" a costly article in the estimation of the average farmer and we can well see how this is so. We can't control the heat of summer but we could improve our roads.

Mr. J. E. Hubbard, College Secretary of the State Y. M. C. A. work, will be here Sunday next. The men's meeting will be held at the Methodist church. All men invited.

The job presses of the Herald have gotten the hustle on, and don't want ever again to get into a rut or know anything of let up. Bring in your orders, and if you can beat us in workmanship, promptness or price, just don't leave them.

REMARKABLE CURE OF CROUP
A Little Boy's Life Saved.

I have a few words to say regarding Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It saved my little boy's life and I feel that I cannot praise it enough. I bought a bottle of it from A. E. Steers, of Goodwin, S. D., and when I got home with it the poor baby could hardly breathe. I gave the medicine as directed every ten minutes until he "threw up" and then I thought sure he was going to choke to death. We had to pull the phlegm out of his mouth in great long strings. I am positive that if I had not got that bottle of cough medicine, my boy would not be on earth today. -JOSEPH HANCOCK, INWOOD, IOWA. For sale by The Winston Drug Co.

Horse For Sale.

One first-class driving mare, eight years old, weight 600; guaranteed perfectly sound. Works anywhere. Cheap. Apply at Herald Office.

Jailer Locked in Prisoner's Cell.

When Jailer Matthews went to jail yesterday to feed his prisoners one of them, the notorious John Brown, played a trick upon the unsuspecting turnkey, which will probably teach him a lesson, or it should do so.

Matthews, unarmed, stepped inside the cell to distribute the victuals when the stealthiness of a feline, John Brown stepped outside and before the jailer could realize what had happened the erstwhile prisoner had closed the ponderous iron door upon him. The cell doors lock automatically when closed and before assistance from the outside could be had in response to the wild screams of the jailer, John Brown had made good his escape.

The blood(?) hound was hurriedly despatched from warm bed of leaves at the home of Mr. Burger, and with the rare advantage of freshly made and well defined foot prints in damp and plant ground, seemed impotent of the power said to be characteristic of his breed.

John Brown, after clearing the Court-house square, was seen by several to take a easterly direction from town.

The prisoner was in jail awaiting a second trial for felony, being charged with entering and stealing from the residence of Miss Patterson.

In Honor of Miss White.

The Alpha Chapter of Kappa Delta Sorority at the Normal School gave a delightful banquet Saturday evening in honor of their graduate, Miss Etanor Cameron White, of Lexington, Va. The decorations were appropriately carried out in green and white, the Sorority colors. Kappa Delta flags and ropes of evergreens and carnations covered the walls. Toasts were given to "Our Graduate," to the sister chapters at Chatham, Va., Hollins and Randolph-Macon Woman's College and to "Kappa Delta." Several of the girls played and recited. Miss Paxton gave a witty talk, and all joined in the Kappa Delta songs.

Those present were: Miss White, Lexington; Miss Paxton, Buena Vista; Miss Goode, Mecklenburg; Miss Brooke, Culpeper; Miss Marston, —; Miss Pickrel, Petersburg; Miss Smeltz and Miss Peck, Hampton; Miss Rochet McKinney, Miss Frankie McKinney, Miss Venable, Miss Scott, Miss Lelia Jackson, Farmville; Miss Kent, Washington, D. C.

Entertainment at the Normal.

Mr. Algeron B. Chandler, Jr., M. A., will present his beautiful romance entitled "The Story of a Runaway Girl," at the Normal School, Saturday evening, February 7th, at 7:30 the proceeds to be devoted to the "Training School Library" of the Normal.

Mr. Chandler comes to us crowned with literary laurels, master of arts University of Virginia, winner of the medal, and has perhaps delivered more commencement orations than any man of his age now before the public.

The evening promises to be one of highest order of entertainment. Come and bring your friends. Admission 25 cents. children 15 cents.

Spare the Chickens and Kill the Dogs.

Mr. B. M. Cox was a few weeks ago the happy possessor of 20 fat, laying hens and the number has now been reduced to three. Badly fed, hungry, lean, lank dogs killed them day by day. The hens were worth something, the dogs worthless. Stone the curs and let the hens live and lay.

A Y. M. C. A. Building.

Rev. Dr. Potts, of the Methodist church, delivered an impressive and inspiring address in the rooms of the Y. M. C. A. at 4 p. m. of last Sunday. The object of the speaker was to impress on his hearers the necessity and value of seeing clearly the path of duty. This done and we at once begin to appreciate our own needs and those of our environment.

On this particular point of his address he aroused quickened interest in the young men of the Association by emphasizing the fact that when they felt the need of a Y. M. C. A. building they would influence the men and women of Farmville to unite in building one.

Dr. Potts is himself of decided opinion that just such building is wanted here, and he is of the further opinion that where there is a will there is a way. The meeting was an interesting one and may lead to good results.

With Our Sick.

Mr. B. M. Cox had a sudden and sharp attack of some heart complication on Sunday night but is much better. It had followed quick upon the heels of the fishermen's feast, the explanation would be easy. Indigestion is the prolific source of heart troubles.

Mr. T. P. Robertson is still confined to his home.

Mr. E. Scott Martin is gradually improving, and Mrs. Martin, who has been quite sick, is better.

The health of the Normal girls is excellent and that of the town generally good.

Congratulations.

We congratulate our honored fellow-townsmen, Mr. C. Bugg, on the new honor which has been conferred on him by the Chief Executive of his adopted country, and which has now been confirmed by the leading legislative body of the Republic. We congratulate the people of Farmville and surrounding country that their postmaster is to be a man of blameless life, and that his official staff will be composed of those who have already given them courteous and efficient service.

We are advised that Mr. J. E. Harris, Jr., will remain first assistant postmaster and that Mr. Clyde Bliss will retain his position.

Professional.

Dr. W. F. Mercer, of Richmond, Va., specialist in diseases of the EYE, EAR, NOSE and THROAT will be in Farmville again for ONE day only, SATURDAY, Feb. 7th at the Randolph House. He will come fully prepared to treat all cases in his specialty and respectfully offers his service to the profession and the public.

Herald and World only \$1.00.

Prince Edward County.

(By Frankie L. McKinney.)

In the year 1753 when Washington made his perilous journey through the wilderness to Fort Duquesne, a new county was formed from Amelia. It was a piece of land thirty-five miles long and twenty miles wide. This county was given the name of Prince Edward in honor of Edward Augustus, Duke of York, brother of King George III of England. Prince Edward is bounded on the north by Buckingham and Cumberland, on the west by Appomattox and Charlotte, on the south by Nottoway and Amelia. The population of the county is 17,994. The lands are generally of good quality, and there are many very fine estates in the county. It is located in what is known as Southside Virginia, so called because of its being south of the James River. Prince Edward is a rolling country midway between the tide-water and the mountains. It has no mountains except Lees which is small and of no importance. The Appomattox river runs on the northern boundary separating it from Buckingham and Cumberland, and by this stream and its tributaries the county is well watered. The lands of Prince Edward are well suited to the various crops of middle Virginia. Fine quality of wheat is raised also corn, oats, rye, millet, clover and timothy, but its principal crop is tobacco, for which it is noted, being in the heart of the dark tobacco region. Almost all of this tobacco is shipped abroad. Good fruits and vegetables are raised such as apples, peaches, pears, grapes, apricots, strawberries, raspberries and all smaller fruits; water-melons, musk-melons and cantaloupes; the vegetables are sweet potatoes, cabbage, peas, beans, onions and many others, indeed the lands produce well anything grown in this latitude. The forest trees are pine, poplar, black oak, sweet gum, silver maple, several varieties of hickory, white and red oak, willow oak, black and white walnut, mulberry, cedar, dog wood, wild cherry, locust, chestnut oak, slippery elm, black elm, cork elm, sycamore, birch, beech and willow. The minerals are iron, mica, copper, coal and building stones. Transportation is offered by the Norfolk and Western Railway, passing through the northern portion of the county, and the Southern railway the southern.

From the very first the citizens have been a law-abiding and God-fearing people, they seemed early to have formed a love of education, for in 1775 when it was found that a new college was needed, the Presbytery of Hanover (composed of sturdy Scotch-Irish Presbyterians) determined to establish this college in Prince Edward. The site selected for it was at the head of Hudson's Branch, on a hundred acres of land given for that use by Mr. Peter Johnston. Prince Edward Academy (as it was called) was opened in January, 1770 amidst the terrors of revolution. Later it was known as Hampden-Sidney College, named in honor of two great English statesmen, Hampden and Sidney.

Increased educational means were much needed, all communications with Great Britain being cut off, and educated youths would be wanting to fill the places of such as would soon fall victim to the war. The college of William and Mary was indeed old and tolerably well endowed, but it was near the scene of war surrounded by noisy camps. In a short time more than a hundred students flocked to the Prince Edward Academy, and the means of accommodations were not great enough for the number. During the year a military company of students was organized, Mr. John Blair Smith, Jr., a tutor, being captain. The uniform was a purple hunting shirt. This company upon an order of the Governor for militia from Prince Edward during the following year, marched to Williamsburg, where however, their services were not required, some of them became officers in the army and others enlisted as common soldiers. Again when Cornwallis was pushing Green from North Carolina in 1781 a mother company was formed to help defend Virginia. At Hampden-Sidney in 1824 the Union Theological Seminary was founded on land given by Hampden-Sidney college. In 1895 it was moved to Richmond.

Prince Edward was one of the counties through which Tarleton passed in his never to be forgotten raid through Virginia. He passed Worsham and turning eastward stopped at a farm house. He rode his horse up the front steps, through the porch and into the hall leaving the print of the horse's hoofs on the floor. He then set fire to the house, but it was put out by a rain storm, and ever afterwards the place was called "Providence." It is still standing. The continental troops also passed along the same road. My great grandfather was a small boy attending a country school. The children wished to look at the soldiers, the school-master being a Tory would not allow them to look out of the window.

After the siege and fall of Yorktown, smallpox broke out in the American army, and for fear that the French troops might contract the disease, they were removed from Yorktown and camped on the Glebe lands in St. Patrick's parish near Worsham, Richmond being in command. Dr. Mettauer, who was a surgeon for these French troops, was so pleased with Prince Edward that he decided to settle here. Afterwards his son, who was also a distinguished surgeon established at Worsham one of the first medical colleges ever in the South.

The Prince Edward bar was at one time a very brilliant one, both John Randolph and Patrick Henry practiced law regularly at Prince Edward Court-house. Patrick Henry lived in the county for six years, coming here in 1786 after retiring from the Governorship, in debt to educate his two sons at Hampden-Sidney College, of which he was a chartered trustee. For a short while the people of Prince Edward lived in peace, but on June 18, 1812, war was again declared against England. In the war which followed, Prince Edward also did her duty, one of the companies going from Hampden-Sidney college with John Kirkpatrick for captain. After this followed the eventful year of 1861 when all was excitement throughout the country. The secession convention had met at Rich-

mond and of its many brilliant men, some were more brilliant than the representative from Prince Edward, John T. Thornton. At last came the eventful day, April 17, 1861 when Virginia seceded from the Union and called for troops. Prince Edward responded and sent out eight companies. One of the companies was composed of college boys from Hampden-Sidney, who had as their captain, Dr. Atkinson. They were soon captured and sent back to college, later many of them joined other companies and served through the war. She also furnished two of the Confederate's ablest generals, Joseph E. Johnston, of Longwood, which is situated about a mile from Farmville, and Stirling Price. In 1899 during the Spanish-American war she also sent out a company.

Farmville, the metropolis and county seat of Prince Edward, is situated on the banks of the Appomattox River, the river being the only dividing line between Farmville and Cumberland county. Farmville was incorporated a town in 1799, the land being given by John Randolph and Chambers. The Randolph survey extended as far as the fence of the Normal school, the Chambers included the rest of the town. The first store built in the town was built by Thomas Morton opposite the Randolph Hotel. In olden times before the railroads, the farm produce was shipped to Petersburg in batteaux down the Appomattox river. Now Farmville is a prosperous town of 3,000 inhabitants. It is the fourth tobacco market in the State, having ten large factories and four warehouses, a great deal of its tobacco is shipped abroad, some of it going to Italy, England, Holland, Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Germany and Austria. Farmville also has flour and knitting mills. It has four white churches, the Presbyterian, which was built in 1828 being the oldest, the others are the Methodist, Baptist and the Episcopal. There are also three colored churches. The State Female Normal School was opened in October, 1884, each county and city in the State has its representatives in the school. She also has a good public and high school besides a colored public school. The homes are very pretty, most of them having pretty trees and flowers. Its main street is well and compactly built. It has two banks and two newspapers. About a mile west of Farmville is a little settlement where many years ago John Randolph, of Roanoke settled his freed slaves. About seven miles from Farmville is Worsham, which is the old county seat; the courthouse being moved to Farmville in 1812. No one would think to see the quiet little village now, that it had once been a gay and thriving town, with its fashionable schools, noted bar and distinguished families. Tradition says that Washington once danced a minuet there with Miss Martha Venable, and that Lafayette in 1824 spent the night at Worsham with Dr. Mettauer. Just out side of Worsham is Kingsville, which was an important place during the Revolutionary war. There were some eight or ten stores, two hotels and a piano, silk and saddle factory. South west of Worsham was Gileland's Tavern where Aaron Burr spent the night on his way to Richmond for trial.

Important Notice.

Mr. Benjamin P. Harris, Deputy Supreme Organizer for the Improved Order Heptastichs, will be in Farmville on the 17th inst., in the interest of R. E. Lee Conclave, No. 674. Members of this Conclave are earnestly requested to attend a meeting which will be held at 7:30 p. m. of that day in the office of the Herald. It is imperative that members' assessments be paid promptly on presentation. The collecting calls upon each member purely as an accommodation to the members and not because of any requirement of the laws.

EVERY CHURCH or institution supported by voluntary contributions will be given a liberal quantity of the Longman & Martinez Pure Paints whenever they send their bills.

NOTE: Have done so for twenty-seven years. Sales: Tens of millions of gallons; painted nearly two million houses under guarantee to repaint if not satisfied. The paint weirs for periods up to eighteen years. Linseed Oil must be added to the paint. (done in two minutes). Actual cost then about \$1.25 a gallon. Samples free. Sold by our Agents. Chas. Bugg & Son.

The Macadam.

Editor Herald:—If the Board of Supervisors don't look after the macadam road, we will "wake up some fine morning" and find the bottom out of it. That road cost a round sum of money, is a great public comfort and convenience, and is worth looking after. It can be saved for all time, but it will not take care of itself. "A slitch in time."

A Good Recommendation.

"I have noticed that the sale on Chamberlain's Stomach & Liver Tablets is almost invariably to those who have once used them," says Mr. J. H. Weber, a prominent druggist of Cascade, Iowa. "I have used this remedy in my family for years and it has never failed me. I can truly recommend it to all who are afflicted with indigestion, constipation, or any of the ailments which it cures. It is a truly wonderful medicine for those who are afflicted with these troubles. I have used it in need of such a remedy? Try them when you feel dull after eating, when you have a bad taste in your mouth, feel bilious, have no appetite or when troubled with constipation, and you are certain to be delighted with the prompt relief which they afford. For sale by The Winston Drug Co.

Editor Herald:—I notice that in a number of the States effort is being made to have employees paid semi-monthly. That's good, but as for me, I would be glad to get mine quarterly.

An Attack of Pneumonia Warded off.

"Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for years and it has never failed me. I can truly recommend it to all who are afflicted with indigestion, constipation, or any of the ailments which it cures. It is a truly wonderful medicine for those who are afflicted with these troubles. I have used it in need of such a remedy? Try them when you feel dull after eating, when you have a bad taste in your mouth, feel bilious, have no appetite or when troubled with constipation, and you are certain to be delighted with the prompt relief which they afford. For sale by The Winston Drug Co.

List Your Lands.

Inquiries are pouring in from parties of the North and West as to farm lands in this section. There is demand for land for proper settlement. What you have to offer of this kind of property.

Farmville Farm Agency.



Bush River Brieflets.

FARMVILLE, Feb. 2, 1903.

Mr. Tom McNutt left last week for Augusta county to visit his sister, Mrs. Lowrie Martin, so he said, but we understand somebody else's sister lives in Augusta county. He will return home this week.

Mr. Watson Overton spent Sunday at home with his home people.

Mrs. Kate Watkins, of North Carolina, visited her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. R. Watkins, last week.

Mr. Chas. T. Watkins paid a short visit to Judge A. D. Watkins Sunday evening.

Mrs. J. R. Watkins has been rather indisposed for the past few days, but is now better.

Miss Annie Lindsay, who attends the Normal School, spent from Friday night until Sunday at home.

We are glad to report Miss Carrie Morton, of Farmville, is out again after quite a spell of sickness.

Felden Facts.

FELDEN, VA., Feb. 4, 1903.

Dr. James Murray filled his appointment at Lane's chapel on last Sunday evening. We were glad to have him with us again after a long absence.

Misses Kate Reid and Ida Scott visited friends in the neighborhood last Saturday and Sunday. Miss Reid went to visit her sister in Amelia county today. Her many friends are sorry to have her leave.

Miss Ruby Ranson entertained quite a number of her friends last Friday night. We are sorry to report that Miss Ranson is sick this week but we hope she will soon be up and able to resume her school duties.

Miss Ollie Allen was the guest of Miss Maud Allen on Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. J. Allen has just returned from a pleasant visit to her sister in Crewe.

Miss Bettie Wade visited Mrs. C. H. Ranson one day last week.

Miss Bessie Barksdale was the guest of Miss Mamie McCreary Sunday night.

Mrs. Emily Moore will leave this week for Charlotte county, where she expects to spend some time with her mother.

Adriance Arrives.

ADRIANCE, VA., Feb. 2, 1902.

We would like to send you a new letter but our placid little town(?) is unusually quiet. It seems that we are almost cut off from the outside world, the roads being in such a dreadful condition. However, we look forward with increased pleasure to the coming of spring.

Prof. J. D. Blanton, of Nashville, Tenn., spent several days last week with his parents at Adriance.

Dr. Chas. Blanton and Miss Maria Bolling, of Richmond, visited "West Hill" last week. Miss Bolling will remain some time.

Mr. Lindsay Crawley left Saturday for Randolph Macon College.

Rev. J. H. Davis filled his regular appointment at "Guinea" Sunday morning. Owing to bad roads and inclement weather he wasn't greeted by a very large congregation although he preached an instructive sermon from the text, "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ."

Pamplin Paragraphs.

PAMPLIN, VA., Feb. 3, 03.

Miss Preston Womack, of Richmond, spent last week with her mother, Mrs. E. L. Womack, who has been sick. Miss Preston returned Sunday as her mother was much better.

The Reading Club met at the home of Mr. A. W. Baldwin last Friday night. There was a full house if the roads were bad. Humorous readings, recitations, music and a social chat constituted the amusements of the evening.

Miss Nannie Davis spent last week in Lynchburg with her sister, Mrs. North.

Mr. N. A. Davis has been appointed agent here with W. D. Mason as night operator.

Mr. Willie Fore is very ill with fever. Miss Flossie Thornton has been quite sick, but is improving.

Mrs. E. B. Brady expects to move to Henderson, N. C., about the first of March.

The Presbyterians purchased the home of Mr. A. H. Payne for the Manse. Mr. Payne will rent Mrs. E. B. Brady's house.

Mrs. J. A. Paisley has been away for two weeks visiting friends.

Pollard Points.

POLLARD, Amelia Co., Feb. 3, '03.

Mr. T. S. Atkins, who has been quite sick, is improving.

Mr. J. W. Lowery has had a bad attack of rheumatism but is improving.

Mr. J. B. Enroughy, the postmaster at Rodolph, who has been on the sick list, is better.

Miss Lelia Scott has left for Georgia to teach school.

Miss Jane Irving, of Truxillo, has returned to teach the school near Rodolph.

Mrs. Oney Davis celebrated her 74th birthday last Sunday at her sister's, Mrs. Sallie T. Pollard.

Mr. Chestley Ranson, and daughter, Miss Blanch, of Trolley, and Mr. Jas. Orange, of Deatonville, spent last Sunday at Mr. H. T. Pollard's.

Mr. H. Lee Carter and Miss Mary Warner were married last Wednesday in Richmond.

Mrs. Tom Davis and bride, are on a visit to his mother near Patneville.

The farmers are about done stripping tobacco and are hauling it to market.

Olesko Offerings.

OLESKO, VA., Jan. 29, 1903.

A few friends and relatives assembled at the home of Mr. A. W. Lee Thurs day evening, January 29th, witnessed the very pretty marriage of Mr. William Mercer, of Norfolk, to Miss Anna Belle Lee. The bride party entered the parlor promptly at 3 o'clock in the following order: Miss Sallie Elam with Mr. Ben Johns, Miss Agnes Johns with Mr. Robert Lee, Miss Nannie Anderson with Mr. Leon Pollard. The bride came in leaning on the arm of the groom. Rev. J. H. Davis performed the ceremony and

Mr. Willie Hardy, of Norfolk, was master of ceremonies. The bride was attired in dark blue tailor made suit, white silk shirt waist with black and white plumes. The waiters were dressed in pink shirt waists with black shirts and hats.

The bride was one of the loveliest and most popular young ladies of this neighborhood. The groom is a well known merchant of Norfolk. The bridal party left immediately after the ceremony to take the 5 o'clock train for Norfolk.

Mr. Walter Lee and Miss Courtney Budd were quietly married at the parsonage by Rev. Mr. Davis' Jan. 27.

Rice Depot Dots.

RICE VA., Feb. 4, 1903.

We are glad to report that Mr. Andy Weaver is getting on nicely after having been operated on for appendicitis. He will probably return to his home this week.

Mr. Robert Wilson, Jr., made a "flying" trip to Ayondale Saturday.

We understand that Mr. Ben Ligon is much improved.

Mrs. Pittman Phenix, of Crewe, is visiting her father, Mr. B. H. Carter.

Miss Lucile and Mr. Sam Atkins spent Sunday at Ayondale.

Mrs. R. A. Bradshaw expects to visit friends in Crewe this week.</